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Letter dated 16 November 2005 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations

I am writing to thank you for your letter of 8 November 2005 regarding the observations of the Group of 77 and China on the outcome of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly and in particular on issues pertaining to Secretariat and management reform.

I have read your letter carefully and have noted your concerns. I have also distributed it to all Member States as a document of the General Assembly (A/60/548) as you requested. As the issues raised in your letter relate primarily to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of decisions from the 2005 World Summit Outcome for action by the Secretary-General (A/60/430), I have also brought these matters to the attention of the Secretariat.

As you are aware, I have recently appointed Mr. Munir Akram of Pakistan and Mr. Allan Rock of Canada as co-chairs of the consultations on Secretariat and management reform. The two co-chairs are currently undertaking consultations with Member States and Secretariat officials on our future course of action. These consultations could provide you with an opportunity to raise the issues covered in your letter and the ways they could be addressed.

I also wish to emphasize, as I did at our informal meeting on 7 November 2005, the important role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and that of the Fifth Committee in this process.

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing the concerns of the Group of 77 and China with me and look forward to your continued support towards a successful follow-up of the 2005 World Summit Outcome.

(*Signed*) Jan **Eliasson**